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- shared at a rate no less than 90%.
2. Set-aside and diverted acre payments be commensurate with current rental values to those landowners meeting minimum wildlife habitat criteria.
 3. Loan rates through Farmers Home Administration be at a reduced rate for land meeting minimum soil conservation and wildlife habitat criteria.
 4. Crop support payments be increased for crops grown by landowners who have met minimum wildlife habitat criteria.
 5. Income tax reductions on profits from land meeting minimum wildlife habitat criteria.
 6. Soil conservation practices that provide dual functions including wildlife habitat enhancement should receive 95% cost share.

Resolution No. 7

Clearance of Drugs and Chemicals for Aquacultural Use

WHEREAS, many states rely heavily upon fish hatcheries to maintain, mitigate, and enhance both sport and commercial fisheries; and

WHEREAS, successful hatchery management involves effective control of disease and parasites; and

WHEREAS, many drugs and chemicals which have been successfully used in the past are presently being withheld pending required federal clearance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies requests the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to expedite the necessary testing of these drugs and chemicals for clearance in aquacultural use.

Resolution No. 8

Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Wild Animals

WHEREAS, fish and wildlife are resources of great social and economic value to residents of the United States and Canada, and

WHEREAS, the governments of the United States and Canada, mindful of their national and international arrangements and agreements for protecting and maintaining fish and wildlife resources, both resident and migratory in their respective countries at state, provincial and federal levels, declined to sign the recently concluded Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

- (1) Commends the governments of the United States and Canada for declining to sign the Convention, thereby protecting existing

- arrangements and agreements to maintain both resident and migratory fish and wildlife in the two countries;
- (2) Commends the federal governments in both countries for their pre-convention consultations with state and provincial fish and wildlife agencies, and
 - (3) Strongly urges that neither government assent to the convention because of its potential for disrupting the continued sound management of North American wildlife.

Resolution No. 9

IUCN Report on Migratory Wild Animal Convention

WHEREAS, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) is an independent international body whose membership comprises governments, government departments and private institutions; and

WHEREAS, the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, a member of IUCN, is a voluntary association of the state, provincial, and federal agencies of Canada and Mexico, as well as individual associate members; and

WHEREAS, the IAFWA and many of its members, collectively and separately, took active roles in seeking to help develop a sound and workable Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, an agreement that would assist the worthy objective of instituting and expanding efforts to aid migratory animals in areas of the world currently lacking such authority and capability; and

WHEREAS, failing to obtain amendment of the Convention so as to remove hazards to the well-established fish and wildlife programs and international agreements involving North America, Canada and the United States did not endorse the Convention in the final vote; and

WHEREAS, the IUCN monthly *Bulletin*, dated June 1979, a report on the Convention proceedings, referred to Canada, the United States, and other nonsignatory countries as "backsliders" who "will surely be shamed into reassessing their current posture."; additionally, the IUCN *Bulletin* article states that countries endorsing the Convention "would not compromise in order to 'buy' the support of a handful of wealthy countries more concerned about their own fishing interests than with protecting the 'common heritage of humanity;'"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, a member of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources and itself an international organization of governments and others in the Western Hemisphere, hereby (1) expresses dissatisfaction and disappointment with the content and the tone of the report, A Convention is Born, in the June 1979 issue of the IUCN *Bulletin*, (2) calls upon IUCN to cease further